

Two nabbed in heroin bust

Two were arrested in a drug sting Monday night which blocked the planned transport of heroin from Toledo into Fostoria.

With a search warrant granted by Judge John Hadacek of Fostoria Municipal court in hand, the Seneca County Drug Task Force-METRICH Enforcement Unit searched the vehicle belonging to Mylinda Shadle, 39, also occupied by Rickie D. Brown, 32, at a North Countyline Street and Plaza Drive location.

The search revealed the suspected possession of heroin, several packages of suspected powder cocaine, heroin abuse drug paraphernalia and criminal tools.

Brown was charged with possession of heroin, possession of cocaine, and possession of drug abuse instruments, and Shadle was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

This isn't Shadle's first experience with the METRICH Unit, which she claimed "gave me my life back."

In a letter to the editor written to the Review Times in September 2009, Shadle admitted "I was busted by the unit several months ago and if it wasn't for them I would most likely be dead."

When funding to anti-drug programming was in danger, she organized a drug awareness weekend concert in October at Meadowlark Park that benefitted the Culp Lodge 22 Fraternal Order of Police.

"This investigation has a direct nexus between the increasing heroin abuse throughout Seneca County and the city of Toledo, Ohio," said Lead Investigator and Task Force Agent Matt Armstrong in a news release.

"Mr. Brown is also presently under investigation for several residential burglaries in the city of Fostoria and those investigations are presently ongoing."

The Seneca County Drug Task Force - METRICH Enforcement Unit consists of members of the Fostoria Police Department, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, the Tiffin Police Department and the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office.

To report any suspicious activity going on in your neighborhood, call the Fostoria Police Department at 419-435-8573 or the Seneca County Drug Task Force - METRICH Enforcement Unit crime hotline at 1-877-446-DRUG, or locally at 419-443-0463.

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